To accelerate benchmark enablement on vendor platforms, the government offers to schedule a conference call with individual vendors to discuss benchmark issues they are facing. It would be in the best interest of all parties to schedule these calls as soon as possible.

A window of opportunity exists during the week of October 25; the week of November 1 is much more difficult due to ongoing RFP development activities.

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Discussions will be greatly enabled by submission of a list of questions (or at least question topics) prior to the conference call.